IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): In a deployment apparatus for extending a safety device for a school bus, said safety device being attached to a connector which is rotated about a pivot pin that is turned by a friction clutch driven by an output shaft, an improvement comprising:

a gear box having a substantially rectangular cross-section with two opposite long ends and two opposite short ends;

an L-shaped bracket ~~and a gear box~~ integrally molded together with the gear box along one long end into a unitary structure; and

~~wherein~~ an electric motor operatively connected to the gear box and configured to drive ~~drives~~ the output shaft;

wherein said L-shaped bracket has closed-end elongated slots through which fasteners extend to secure the unitary structure to an inside wall of the deployment apparatus;

wherein said L-shaped bracket has a first leg and a second leg substantially perpendicular to the first leg;

wherein said gear box and the front leg of the L-shaped bracket have a bore formed therein;

wherein the output shaft extends through the bore; and

wherein a center line through the bore is parallel to the plane of the second leg of the L-shaped bracket.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): In the deployment apparatus recited in claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein:

a distance between center lines through the closed-end elongated slots varies from 3.0 to 3.5 inches.

Claim 4 (Canceled):

Claim 5 (Canceled):

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): In the deployment apparatus recited in claim ~~5~~ 1, wherein:

a distance between ~~a~~ the center line through the bore and a bottom edge of the second leg of the L-shaped bracket varies from 1.6 to 1.7 inches.

Claim 7 (Original): In the deployment apparatus recited in claim 6, wherein:

a distance between a top edge line on the second leg and a longitudinal center line through a nearer closed-end elongated slot of the L-shaped bracket varies from 1.1 to 1.3 inches.